



Bay Area Confluence: A call to action for regional water resilience

Convened by the Association of Bay Area Governments

Oakland Museum of California, James Moore Theater

1000 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94607

November 10th, 2016 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Keynotes



David Sedlak, PhD, UC Berkeley, Professor

After publishing *Water 4.0*, Dr. Sedlak inspired Bay Area elected officials at the 2015 General Assembly with a regional urban water transformation. David believes with strong leadership and a suite of actions, the Bay Area can effectively address water supply needs. David will share his vision for how the region can work together to build 21st century infrastructure systems.

Talk: https://www.ted.com/talks/david_sedlak_4_ways_we_can_avoid_a_catastrophic_drought?language=en



Kare Anderson, Author, Columnist, and Consultant

Kare's core life mission is to support others in becoming what she calls "opportunity makers." She will share why opportunity makers are sought after leaders, why forging relationships with unexpected allies is important, and specific ways Bay Area leaders can sharpen their skills. Kare is an Emmy-winning NBC and Wall Street Journal reporter, turned Forbes and HuffPo Columnist.

Talk: https://www.ted.com/talks/kare_anderson_be_an_opportunity_maker?language=en



Linda Langston, National Association of Counties, Director Strategic Relations

The former Supervisor Linn County, Iowa and National Association of Counties' Director of Strategic Relations will offer an external perspective from the 2008 Cedar Rapids floods and her experience on FEMA's National Advisory Council and the Resilient America Roundtable for the National Academy of Sciences.

Talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdadpGLuec4>



Agenda

Join decision makers from cities, counties, special districts, and utilities in responding to the call to action to address the region's 21st century water infrastructure challenges. The event continues the work of the [Association of Bay Area Governments' Regional Planning Subcommittee on Infrastructure](#) in strengthening collaboration around critical infrastructure solutions. This half-day conference brings together elected officials, utility managers, and interested stakeholders in three key panel discussions, with a reception to follow.

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| 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. | Welcome
Welcome: Libby Schaaf, Mayor, City of Oakland
Emcee: Julie Pierce, ABAG President, Councilmember, City of Clayton |
| 1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | First Keynote
David Sedlak, Professor, UC Berkeley |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. | Bay Area water reliability: tackling challenges in the face of growth and changing climate. The region's population is forecasted to grow by 2.1 million people by 2040. Future growth and increasingly variable water supplies mean new strategies will be needed to maintain the high-level service Bay Area customers rely upon. Be involved in the emerging regional conversation to integrate creative approaches to future water challenges.
Moderator: Laura Tam, Sustainability Policy Director, SPUR
Norma Camacho, Interim CEO, Santa Clara Valley Water District
Kerrie Romanow, Environmental Services Director, City of San José
Miriam Chion, Planning Director, ABAG |
| 2:20 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. | Water after an earthquake: what happens after two days, two weeks, two years? The region's seismic threat to utilities could leave over a million households without water in the first week, and some without water for over a month. What are your expectations and responsibilities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a regional earthquake? Share in the dialogue on ways to build relationships and mechanisms for stronger communities and infrastructure following an event.
Moderator: David Rabbitt, Supervisor, Sonoma County
Jill Techel, Mayor, City of Napa
Mike Ambrose, Regulatory Manager, East Bay Municipal Utility District
Timothy Burroughs, Chief Resilience Officer, City of Berkeley |

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3:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

Second Keynote

Kare Anderson, Author, Columnist, and Consultant

3:40 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Talking amongst ourselves: forming a Regional Lifelines Council. A regional approach means collaboration among many leaders: public, private, civic, district, and community, among others. Bring your thoughts on forming a council to collaboratively advance infrastructure resilience in the Bay Area.

Moderator: Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, Contra Costa County

Peter Ohtaki, Councilmember, City of Menlo Park

Evermary Hickey, Director of Preparedness, Pacific Gas & Electric

Sarah Gambill, Dept of Homeland Security, Office of Infrastructure & Recovery

Arrietta Chakos, Policy Advisor, ABAG

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Final Keynote

Linda Langston, Director Strategic Relations, National Association of Counties

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Reception